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Efficiency of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporationof India Limited (SCI) proposes to buyfuel efficient ships/vessels by replacing theold stock and if so, the details andobjectives thereof;
(b) whether it is a fact that the fleet ofvessels under SCI has become old and if so,the total number of vessels operationalunder SCI, category and age-wise;
(c) the measures taken/being taken bySCI for improvement in operationalefficiency and cost reduction;
(d) whether SCI proposes to focus oncoastal trade, expansion of break bulk andproject cargo business and optimization ofequipment inventory; and
(e) if so, the details and the objectivesthereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)
(a)&(b): The current shipping fleet of SCI is largely fuel efficient and in compliance with recommended Energy Efficient Design Index (EEDI) and Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP). The average age of SCI vessels is 9.84 years and SCI is mindful of fuel efficiency parameters in its ship acquisition plans of two offshore vessels and one each of crude oil tanker and gas carrier. The category and age-wise details of SCI's operational vessels are as follows :

Sl. No.	Vessel type	Fleet size	Avg. Age (years)
1	Bulk Carriers	16	5.20
2	Crude Oil Tankers	16	12.75
3	Product Tankers	14	9.20
4	Gas Carriers	2	25.73
5	Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs)	5	8.04
6	Container vessels	5	16.96
7	Offshore supply vessels	10	4.48
8	Passenger vessel	1	41.98
Total		69	

(c)to(e):SCI is reducing its costs by increasing operational efficiency and reducing breakdowns. It has taken several measures towards lowering fuel consumption by using fuel additives, trim optimization, slow steaming (when feasible), hull cleaning, optimization of equipment inventory, reduction of excess container inventory, vendor renegotiation to obtain lower container per-diem rate reflecting current market situation and reduction of procurement costs for lube oils. SCI is maintaining its focus on coastal trade mainly in coastal crude transportation and transportation of coal to meet increased demand of power generation. SCI is also concentrating on increasing its presence on coastal and near coastal trade and has commenced a weekly container service on the East coast and West coast of India connecting to Persian Gulf besides operating India-Myanmar shipping service. SCI also participates in the transportation of breakbulkand project cargo especially in the defence and power sector. A wholly owned subsidiary "Inland & Coastal Shipping Limited" has been incorporated for undertaking transportation services through inland waterways, coastal shipping and end to end logistics.
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